

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A backlight device for lighting a liquid crystal display device, comprising:

self-luminous sources in primary colors of red, green, and blue, wherein the three primary colors from the self-luminous sources being mixed and synthesized into white light; and

a light-conducting plate and/or a light-scattering plate;

the self-luminous sources of the three primary colors are illuminated sequentially at different timings for each color and so that the self-luminous sources periodically illuminate in sequence by a switching operation and the light-generating timings for every two of the self-luminous sources partially overlap, thereby achieving time-division light-emission to make up light which is recognized as white light by the human eyes.

2. (Original) The backlight device according to Claim 1, wherein light-emitting diodes are used as the self-luminous sources of the three primary colors.

3. (Original) The backlight device according to Claim 1, wherein a fluorescent body for generating light by light-absorption is provided to the light-conducting plate and/or the light-scattering plate.

4. (Previously presented) The backlight device according to Claim 3, wherein the fluorescent body comprises a light-accumulating fluorescent body or long-residual light phosphor.